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VASHINGTON, D. C., SEPT. 11, 1890. THE ANNUAL SCHOOL BOOK BURDEN.

The charger in text-books to be used In the public schools of the city the coming school year, as announced by the board, appears to be condued to the eighth grade and are five in number and Include the books used in the study of sigebra and lifstory. This class of textbooks is always high to price and the change to those whom It affects means an expense covering the cost of the books. In addition to this sum, which will be probably from three to five dollars, the "odds and ends" in the way of pads, penella, slates, drawing books, etc., remired by every pupil, is on an average half as much more, and as there are generally several children to school from one household the average parent is already grouning in spirit over the expenditure he either must make or else see his children deprived of the advantages of the schools. ...

pil and is double and troble this amount. sent to school from one household, comes at a season when its payment is most burdensome to the wage-earners of the family. At this time of the year all the usual expenses are increased heavily by reason of the preparations for winter which even the poorest are compelled to make according to their income: Fuel to warm the hearth, increased clothing for the body and more food for the stemach are necessities that will not down at any bidding. That, with these never out of alght, so many children everywhere are provided with the expensive cutilt for a year's attendance at the public schools, shows how highly the American elitzen, the country over rates the advantages to him and his furnished by our popular system of education. It is ergued by many that the reliaf from this pressure on the patrons of the school can be people, and that its lifting, in some manner, would extend the advantages of the schools to the very class that need them the most. The only beneficiaries of the present system seem to be the school-book publishers, and these have enjoyed rich harvests for many years.

WOMEN'S CLUBS HAVE not been succrasful as a rule and have been provertially short-lived. The Sorosts of New York has been a notable exception and its off shoot, the Ludles' New York Club, it would appear, is entering upon a like successful cureer. It has been in existence a year, numbers four hundred members and has steady applications for new memberships. On Monday it moved from its first quarters to a spacious four story house which it is believed it will not outgrow for sometime. The object of this club is principally to provide a comfortable stopplug place for its members. It serves first-class (uncheons and dinners a la corte; it has reading rooms and sitting rooms, and the upper stories of the building are furnished comfortably as bed rooms so that the club's out-oftown members, who are about two hundred strong, may be accommodated as well as those who live in the city, The president of the club will reside in the house with her family, and it is believed that everything will run along smoothly and apple pie order be maintained at all times.

SENAYOR TOM POWERS Of Montana keeps his eye open in the interest of himself, and is always making some thing to put in his purse. Those who know Tou know this, and they will not be surprised therefore at the news of a little deal of his contained in the following paragraph which we ellp from the Helena Jadependent of the 5th

time ago, a special agent was sent out from Washington and arrived in this city last week for the purpose of americaling the present office facilities of Futeral officials. present offer families of Fuderal officials. His sole object was to inflance all the officials to famore their offices to the Fower black. When this was tourgested some time ago and said to be a scheme of Mr. Fowers, it was not believed by some, but this spend's primare was for that note jurgate. He approached all the traverminal officials, except the Designators and one or two others, and tried to inflance them to express a desire to move to the Fower block. The argument of a saving in an patter to the Government was used. Two of the officials are known to have during a entertain the proposition, unless they to entertain the proposition inhes they were so instructed from boadquigters. The teen who own buildings, is which some fulled States offices are located, are not allow to suppress their opposition of the Fowers in using his office for pervate going they may be will not, in view of the probability of having the office control heed in his training, he a very ardent supported on the Helena Public Ruthling bill.

INVERSUPTING SERVICE EVALUE IN ONE of his late speeches on the tariff, Sunntor Canadata made a good point by saying: "The leference to be drawn from what the Senator says is that there would be no injury to the country by of "The Mollon Science Employ of Great this & Raition only Son And Spain, Gold of grace, having English capital come here and Boston, published by Javans H. Turoz. To whose all woman's shall be done be invested in our industries and take a Early of the tour muniters is the reprint

dividends to England, became the work of a fectore on evolution and social would all be done here and thereby reform. The first deals with the flow place in Ireland. The work is all flone treating the question. Whatever fediexactly what the frish people are come prophlets are for sale at ten cents plaining of." "On the contrary," re- rook, by the publishers. thed Mr. Evenys, the lybb handlerd to the intellers of the farmer, and he takes the crops. Mr. Campach retornel He takes the processls of the grop, not the corn." Mr. Evanors, in a questionbegging way. "Well, he takes the fradis I it all, and leaves - That" (inerrupting; "is what they will take

lare," said Mr Campson, And then the Crand Old Munmy Iron New York went on and on to the sensi way, and he Senate deged quietly, falled into a estful state by his droning voice sleepy grating through long sentences con taining something about English wages, the bearsion through free trade of foreign manufactures, unity of trade within, unity of front and circumvallationtowards other nations, stupendous facts, glory, greatness, patriotism, defensive barriers and so on-buz z z, buz z z

PERFOR FIRED, Writing from London to the Chicago News, says: "A novel competition is now open to fair femintuity all over the world. The Baroness CLARA DEKLUR of Tiffly has proclaimed an invitation to all beau tiful women to send, their photographs to her in order that there may be compiled an album of 'beauties living durtog the last ten years of the nineteenth century.' Five years hence the lists This school book cvil is one endured | are to be closed and the multitude of by the public in every district in the pictures will be referred to a committee country, and from which a strong cry | consisting of two sculptors, two artists, for relief goes up at the beginning of two poets, two soldlers and one diplo every school year. The outlay for mute, and this committee shall deter books which, it may be safely said, is | mine which portraits shall be inserted rarely less than five dollars for one pu- In the album. Engraved fac-similes of the album will be made and put on according to the number of chlidren sale, but the original album is to pass into the possession of the Ethnographical Society of Moscow for preservation in its museum. None but women of irrepronchable character will be admitted to a participation in this merry war, and in every instance will references be demanded. The lowly social condition of the would be competitor will not count against her; the desire is, barring out objectionable characters. to secure specimens of every type of contemporaneous feminine beauty.

HON. THOMAS B. BRYAN has resigned the position of vice-president of the Board of Directors of the World's Co umblan Exposition and also his seat on the hoard. He is evidently disgusted, for in his letter of declination be refers to certain charges that have been made against him. He had-so it was charged sent his you to Sweden, effected in but one way, and that this is on behalf of the directors, for imformafor the municipalities to provide the tien any consul of this country could necessary books. In the case of very have furnished, and himself had repoor pupils this is now done, and in this ceived \$10,000 to go to Georgia. All way the unfortunate victims of poverty | this is false, says Mr. Buyan, and "the | instringe. are often made to suffer the keenest weakness of the Georgia charge conpangs of humiliation. While there is a sists not only in the fact that no such question whether government which enormous sum, or any other sum, was builds, furnishes and warms the school given me to go to Georgia, but also in houses and bires the teachers should go the further fact that I did not go to student of the college will interpret the further and place upon the pugils. Georgia and hence did not fail in that great man's words to the classes. dasks all the books they need, there can sileged mission." The old man feels be no question that the yearly outlay sad. He is too sensitive to enjoy the necessitated by the frequent changes is a grievous burden to the masses of the movement.

"McPherson's Hantibook or Polit rics For 1890," which covers the period from August 51, 1888, to July 31, 1860, has been issued from the press by James H, Charman of this city. The present, says the author, is the twelfth of a continuous series, the whole covering the cycle of thirty years of the most eventful political history in all the annals of time. This last volume contains an epitome of all the important legislation enacted between the two periods mentioned-important decisions of the United States Supreme Court, tables of the revenues and expenditures of the Government, and beside other matters of much general interest, the legislative history of the Silver Coinage act of 1873, which Mr. McPHERSON says has never before been written. The volume may be obtained of Charman & Tax-Lon, 915 Pennsylvania avenue.

SENATOR TURPIE, in his tariff speech made yesterday, said of the McKrxrny bill: "The bill is a bill of attainder against wages. It attaches the wages in the laborer's hands where It is tolled in the interest of monopoly. A bill in very way calculated to diminish the means of subsistence of labor, and thereof the price of its wagen."

SENATOR VIET IN reply to FRANK HISCOCK, the dudish ocutorical blackguard, sald gently: "We have met lious in debate, and we can afford to disregard the snurlings of the Senator from inexested for many a deadly conflict, where life was the forfeit of the game, will turn salds from a smaller animal whose only means of offense and de-Jense is the nelsome fifth with which it prisons the surrounding storosphere."

THE YORK IN the Senate on the Parliff ill was Your, 40; mays, 50. Pifteen swaters were absent, o Democrats and Republicana. Mostrs. Anomeir. SHERMAN ALGEON, HISCOCH, McPHERson, Vance and Castlesis compose the conference committee: It is necket that no difficulty will be experienced in tenthing an agreement with the House and that the AIII will locates a law

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## PERSONAL.

General B. F. Butler arrived in the city this morning to remain two or three days. He is at his house on Capiol Hill.

John Swinton has returned to New York from his European trip, and will soon make a tour of the West. The youngest member of the next Congress will be J. B. Balley of Texas, who is only 25 years of age.

James A. MacKnight of Brooklyn has left for Helena, Mon., to take the man-aging editorable of Russell Harrison's lewspaper in that city.

Sir Edwin Arnold latends to reach England about Christmas time. He will travel homeward by India, and it is ex-pected his peem will see the light soon after the new year. Harvey Watterson, the hale old father

of the Kentucky editor, is a privileged member of the Courier Journal staff He has a well buit frame, a raddy fare and carnest gray eyes. Everything in his appearance indicates that he is good or many years of life yet.

Jace Dettenridge of Kingston, Ja-naica, is an orphan and has \$1,000,000. She has refused thirty-seven offers of

Pasteur, the eminent physician of Paris, has been engaged to deliver a course of lectures before the Michigan College of Medicine and Surgery a Von Moltke enters his 91st year on

Marlon Harland says women who Jay Gould made his first money in Arkville, a little New York borough Mrs. Abram S. Hewitt heads an as-

o study law. Mrs. Frank Leslie is opposed to voman's rule. She says they are more unmerelful than men.

Hannibal Hamlin, with a rare regard r posterity, has kept no diary of his Powderly, K. of L., is bald and wears

d-rimmed spectacles. All his clothing s black except his linen. Samuel Stater first spun cotton by power machinery in this country 100 years ago at Pawtucket. A celebration

will be held there September 28. Governor Mckinney of Virginia says that it is not at all necessary for a public man to drink, as is often as-serted. It has been his invariable practice to decline all "treats" in his political campaigns, and he believes that instead of losing he has gained votes by his abstinence

The American wife of the new Duke Manchester, who obtained such un enviable notoriety as Lord Mandev has cause to be greatly disappointed by the terms of her father-in-law's will, fo instead of leaving the magnificent family jewels to the new duchess, or even to his widow, he has left direc-tions for them to be sold to supply the deficiency of his personal estate. The famous pack-lace of 865 pearls of large for the means of resistance by labor of the oppression and fojustice with which other hands, realizing some thousands it is always threatened by the reduction of pounds. The necklase is considered the finest collection of pearls in one ornament in England.

Philosophy of Vote Buying.

Every attack on the tariff is in a cer tain sense an attack on property, in the eyes of its owners; and there is nothing New York. The hear hunter, torn and in which men are so unacrupulous in the choice of means as in repelling at-tacks on their property. Here is the point at which the tariff touches the suffrage. Money always, if accessary, defends itself with money. Nobody who thinks his business is likely to be ruined if a certain party gots into power will refrain from saving himself with any weapons within his reach. This means simply that whenever protection is menaced, it is sure to buy as many votes as it thinks ne bessary for security -probably the most important politica truth of our day.

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sleep has refreshed our limbs, we spring From off our led, and rise; Lock, on Tuy suppliants, while they sing, Look with a Father's spen. in Thou the dest on every taugue, The first in every beart! That all our doings all day long. Holless, from Thee may start.

Cleanse Then the gloom, and hid the light He bealing beams trace. The site which have coupl in with night, With night shall vanish too.

Our bracks, Lord, unburbs from, Lor matrix there aftend: That these who byum Thy praises may, May again them to the end.

AMUSEMENTS.

Old-Time Melodies alone National. George Thatcher's Minsteels, playing at the new National this week, are riv ing unbounded satisfaction in compeness, originality and or is performance. If there is re of the enterininment that than snother, it is the at y have prepared a special treof old time melodies in their ine for Saturday fight, w is Brander, Old Kenta Frontie Linies, Tooker o of the Thep' will be sung forent soloists. An additions of interest will be presented i Instrations by means of a stereoptican of the progression of minstreley from its birth, in 1843, to its present state

New National Theatre. There are always more or less difficult ties to encounter in country a tank drama, and especially one in which a woman takes an active part. An and cuce always expect to see somelody lead into the water, and if a woman is at vertised a woman it must be. For this reason "A Dark Secret" Campany, which appears at the National next week always carries more than one lady who does not object to a bath in public now and then. There are three of them in this company, Misses Belle Stoddard, Edith Fassett and Edilie Ayres, but the entire trio were III one night in Phila delphia. None of them would risk the water, and it became necessary to dump water, and it became necessary to dump a man into the tank. So one was dressed up and with a wig the very color of Miss Stoddard's hair. When he was thrown into the water the deception was perfect, when let the drowning 'git's' wig came off and a giossy bald spot looking like a tily, hosted on the water with a faise-tace for a foundation. The audience caught on and the veiling was deafoning. on and the yelling was deafening. "The Dressmaker" Tu-Night.

This evening there will be a change of programme at Albaugh's, in which Miss Jane Coambs will enact the leading This will be played but twice, to-night and to-morrow, and on Saturday matinee "Carmille" will be given, and the popular dramitization of "Bleak House" on Saturday night.

Change of Bill at Kernau's, To-night, at Keynan's, there will be a change of bill. Among the new ferures which the Croole Company will tures which the Creole Company will introduce may be mentioned the sensational "Moonlight Minuet." This historic dance, never before executed in the United States, deserves special mention. It is a dance of joy, and marks the close of the tropical wet season. It is executed by typical topical belies, with the wildest entimaliasm and is halled with great delight by the rejoicing natives. As soon as the moon has reached its zenith, the tropical beauties file out with joyful faces and begin their graceful "Moon. aces and begin their graceful "Mo light Minuet," greating Lunn witokens of devotion. The tropical ben thes vie with each other in wearing the most costly and attractive fairies. Special scenic and calcium effects of our the minuet

. Coatles in the Air ?! The famous DeWoil Hopper Opera-Soulle Company, which played all ummer in "Castles in the Air," at the Broadway, New York, is tooked for an early engagement at the National. The opera will be given here just as it was in New York, with the same cost, the same scenery and contains and the same large force of pretty chorns girls DeWolf Hopper has always been a very funny comedian, but now that he is a star his opportunities for fun-making are naturally much greater, and a gen-uine humorous treat may be looked forward to by Washington theatre-

"The Seven Swahtans,"

The success of "The Seven Swabians" by the McCaull Company has been so great that arrangements have been made to bring it back to New York early in March for an extended run. The must; of the opera is said to be superior to any set heard in comic opers. Already many of the inclodies are being whismany of the melodies are being whis-tied into popularity in the streets of New York, which is a never-failing indication of success. The topical song, "Wait a Little Bit," is a perfect gem, and bids fair to become even more popular than "Read the Anawer in the Stars" did in "The Black Huzzar."

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